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For: WASHING AND DRYING MACHINE AND  
CLOTHES DRYER

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.